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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**  
 Masanari KOBAYASHI et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3618  
 Serial No. 10/565,394 : Examiner Hau Van Phan  
 Filed: January 23, 2006 : **Confirmation No. 2050**  
 For: ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR :  
 A VEHICLE :

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

<b>CLAIMS</b>			<b>SMALL ENTITY</b>		<b>OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY</b>	
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 13	- 22	= 0	x 26 = \$		x 52 = \$	
INDEP 3	- 4	= 0	x 110 = \$		x 220 = \$	
[ ] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM			+ 195 = \$		+ 390 = \$	
			<b>TOTAL \$</b>		<b>TOTAL \$</b>	

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the November 21, 2008 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, 21 and 22 are pending, with claims 2, 10 and 14 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.